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THE KLONDIKE GOLD.

Scientific Accounting for the Low-ness of its Standard.

An interesting point in connection with the question of age is that the ground remains perennially frozen, only the surface being thawed in summer to a depth of two or three feet. It would appear that these deposits have remained undisturbed and unaltered ever since the glacial period, and perhaps some such evidence of this will in course of time be discovered, as was afforded by the remains of mammoths and other animals in the Siberian frozen mud.

It is worthy of note that the comparative lowness of the standard of the gold is under existing conditions in favor of the view that placer gold is derived from the erosion of auriferous quartz lodes formerly existing at a higher level, and has not been formed in situ by being deposited from solution. For, according to those who support the former view, placer gold becomes of higher standard than reef gold, after it has found its way into the drifts, the base metals being gradually removed by the solvent action of running water, in which gold is not readily soluble. Since however, the Klondike gold has been frozen up during a large part of the time since it was deposited in the gravel, it is obvious that it cannot have altered in composition so much as the gold in the river sands further south, and might be expected to resemble the gold in the parent lodes, which is not usually more than 800 fine. The low standard of the gold is not so readily accounted for by the accretion theory of formation of placer gold.—Nature.

A Border State Pass Word

Kansas had a shibboleth in border state days. In 1854, when the first tide of New England settlers began to drift into the southwest, the Missourians tied a cow at each crossing of the Missouri river. When a new settler arrived at the crossing he was sure to make some remarks about the cow. If he said "cow," he was permitted to cross over to Kansas. But if he said "kaow," he was hustled out of the country as an hated abolitionist. To retaliate, the Kansans tied a bear on their side of the river. When a new settler said "bear," he was welcomed with open arms. But if he said "bar," he was scooped back into Missouri as a wicked slavery advocate.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Cuban Cabinet under Blanco

The following are said to have been accepted by Gov. Gen. Blanco, as members of the first Colonial Cabinet, under autonomy:

President of the Cabinet—Jose Maria Galves.

Minister of Finance—Rafael Montoro.

Minister of the Interior—Antonio Govin.

Minister of Education—Francisco Zayas.

Minister of Commerce—Arturo Am-bard.

Minister of posts and Telegraphs—Rafael Fernandez Castro.

It is understood that they will take the oath at the Palace after attending mass. The under secretaries will then be nominated, together with the chief subordinates of the permanent staff.

Winter Habits of the Quail

Sportsmen, epicures and the bird's cheery whistle, have made the bob white one of our best known birds. As the most northern representative of a family that has its centre of abundance in subtropical regions, bob white is more susceptible to the rigors of a northern winter than more truly boreal birds. Being eminently terrestrial, heavy snows sometimes completely bury beaks of birds, roosting as is their wont, upon the ground. They seem, however, none the worse for a living interment, and have even been known to seek shelter in a snow bank, diving into it while in full flight. It is when a fall of snow is heavily crusted that Bob white is in danger. Escape from their snowy coverlid is then impossible, and whole flocks have been found frozen where they had roosted.—Frank M. Chapman, in Chattaqua.

Image in the Rock

At a depth of 27 feet, while blasting rock in a well, at Robinson, Ill., a brazen image was found.

The image represents an angel, bearing in one hand what is supposed to have been a candlestick. In the other hand is a lamb. The image was undoubtedly imbedded in the rock. In the same vicinity, there have been a number of instances of finding pieces of petrified wood.

The supposition is that centuries ago the old valley of the Wabash river was inhabited by an artistic and intelligent race of people, long preceding the American Indian.

THE SWORD OF SALADIN

A Smith Says He has Learned the Secret of Damascus Steel.

The Damascus blade of Saladin may yet be duplicated. It will be if the claims of James H. Duffy, a Machiasport, Me., blacksmith, are justified by the practical results which he promises. Mr. Duffy, asserts that he discovered the long lost art of producing Damascus steel, and also the ancient method of hardening copper and brass.

Ten years has the "Machiasport Wizard," as his neighbors call him, spent patiently experimenting with the metals during which time he has often severely taxed his financial resources. He declares, however, that for his sacrifices he has been more than repaid by his success.

Mr. Duffy was first led into making experiments when he opened his smith shop in Machiasport. He was born in Bangor, Me., fifty-four years ago, and after a few years' schooling learned the trade of horseshoeing and blacksmithing. When he moved to Machiasport the canning industry had begun to grow, and the soldering coppers used in the factories were sent to him for repairs. He noticed that the coppers wore away rapidly and that when two thirds of the business end of one was worn away it had to be cast aside.

Mr. Duffy thought that if copper could be welded, two old soldering tools that were worthless might be welded into one that might be worth something. The difficulty was to find the way to weld them. It couldn't be done by the ordinary way of heating, because copper became soft when heated, and they would be no good after having been welded.

A few years ago he astonished the factory men by taking a lot of cast off soldering coppers and bringing them back nicely welded and as perfect as new ones. In fact they were more perfect than the new ones, for not only did they hold the heat as well as the new tools, but they did not wear away so rapidly, and for this reason alone they were more valuable.

Then the wizard surprised his intimate acquaintances by producing from his laboratory a copper sword, which he proceeded to bend into a circle and let it spring back into shape again, which says the Boston Globe, it did as the most perfect Damascus steel would. Next he astonished them by producing a copper razor, with which he gave himself a perfect shave, and the razor still retained its keen edge.

The wizard will talk about the quality of the metal he produces, but is reticent in regard to the process through which he puts it. He will only say that in his experiments to weld copper, he struck upon the secret of the ancients' method of making Damascus steel.

He is positive that he has it. He says that although he has made some valuable discoveries, he has learned that these are the beginning of a series of discoveries that must follow.

RIVAL CLAIMS IN AFRICA

There are four different grounds on which European nations base their claims to territory in Africa. One is actual occupation; another is a treaty with a native chief, conceding territory; a third is the claim that the occupation of the mouth of a river gives a right to the country which it waters; a fourth is the "hinterland" theory, by which is meant that a nation which occupies a strip of territory on the coast has a right to the country lying behind it. Of these grounds of claim, the first is least likely to be contested; but as to the others, the same chief may give concessions to two or three rival nations; or the territory which is claimed by one because it is watered by a river the mouth of which it controls may be claimed by another because it is in the hinterland of territory which it possesses on the coast—Youth's Companion.

Selling Boats for Alaska

The steamer Alliance, 300 tons, has been purchased by the Copper River Transportation and Mining company, of Port Townsend to be placed first on the Dyea run, and later on the route to Copper river. The name of the craft will be changed to the Townsend. She was purchased from the Portland and Coast Steamship Company, and is 125 feet long twenty seven feet wide, and 12 feet deep. It is said that the Copper River company will also engage the steam schooners Proctor and Defense for the Alaskan trade. The Alaska Steamship Company, operating the steamer Rosalie and the barks Shirley and Colorado, have purchased the bark Canada, now on the way to Tacoma from San Francisco, from the Tacoma Mill company. The Company also has the bark Seminole, which will be used with the Canada for carrying lumber and freight to the north.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

Freely Used by Members of the Cabinet.

The necessity for the material presence of cabinet officers and other government officials occupying important posts in the capital appears to be diminishing as time and the march of invention goes on. When the application of the telegraph caused a spread of wires over the country it was a great relief to public officials who wished to absent themselves occasionally from Washington with a feeling of safety in case they were needed in an emergency. They felt that if they were called upon to act in any important case they would be informed of that fact with little delay and could at once return to their posts. When the telephone was introduced into business life it was a boon to officials who wished to attend to affairs in the quiet of their homes, while they could be placed in communication with any employee of their departments at a moment's notice. But it was reserved to the long distance telephone to absolutely annihilate space. No invention has ever been a greater boon for the government official in a place of great responsibility, and a week seldom passes without this invention being freely used by one or more cabinet officers in the transaction of public business while they are hundreds of miles from Washington. Many questions are referred to cabinet officers over long distance phones. Secretary Bliss, not infrequently holds conversation, while he is in New York, with officials of his department, and while here he has interviews with his business managers in New York. Postmaster-General Gary when in Baltimore, utilizes the same means in looking after his department, and while here in supervising his private business. Nearly all the cabinet officers do the same thing, and it is understood that more than one member of the cabinet would probably not be in such a position were it not for the convenience of modern means of communication, which has made it no longer necessary for an official to be tied to his desk in the department over which he presides.—Washington Star.

New Boat for the Gold Fields

Lewis Nixon, of Elizabethport, N. J., is to build a stern-wheel steambot of special design for use on the Yukon river by the Philadelphia Exploration and Mining Company, which is about to send an expedition under charge of Prof. Angelo Heilprin, of Philadelphia. The party will have eight members who expect to spend two years in Alaska. The new boat will be 80 feet long over all, fifteen feet beam and three feet 10 inches depth. She will be built in ten water tight sections and entirely of steel, of six pounds to the square foot, up to the main deck. It is estimated that she will carry thirty-five tons of 18 inches of water. There will be two engines and one large boiler fitted to burn either coal or wood, as it is expected that the principal fuel will be driftwood, picked up in transit. The engines will be expected to develop 60 horse power. The contract calls for the completion of the boat within 60 days, when she will be shipped across the continent by railroad or else sent around the Horn on one of the many steamers going to participate in the Klondike trade. Her light draft will enable her crew to pull her up on the bank and transform her into a shore dwelling when overtaken by winter.

The Klondike.

In addition to the reindeer, the government is to employ "snow locomotives" to transport supplies to the Klondike. These, failing, it will probably resort to the Keeley motor.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Shortleigh—My Uncle Frank is a veritable Klondike.

Longleigh—Why, how's that?

Shortleigh—Plenty of wealth, but cold and distant.—Chicago News.

If you cannot go to the Klondike, and are curious to know,

How the temperature affects one in that land of ice and snow,

You can gather an idea how they feel who northward rove,

If you will hover with the mourners

Around a working street car stove.—Chicago Record.

Elephant and Hose

An elephant keeper in the Central park menagerie has been experimenting with an elephant and a hose. The elephant has learned during the hot weather how to handle the hose with very good effect, until now he is able to bathe himself all over, and thus secure some relief from the heat. Tom sometimes fills his trunk from the end of the hose, and sprinkles himself in this way. He is able, however to take the hose and put water on any part of his body.—N. Y. Sun.

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THE Flax industry is a success in Whatcom county, Washington, says the Blade.

CAPT. Carroll will hereafter run his own boats. The Captain's friends will rejoice over his good fortune.

THE N. Y. World wants an American history written. What is the matter with the one written by Alexander Stephens?

It looks brighter for Hawaii's admission. Let the poor thing come in. Cleveland's opposition should be sufficient to guarantee her American protection.

At the Wednesday's receptions at the White house in Washington, they have a free lunch counter, but not without a "kick" however, for the cabinet ladies insist that some of the hungry guests tarry too long.

DURANT, the convicted murderer of Blanche Lamont, was executed on the 7th inst. He died professing Christianity and denying his guilt. It is generally supposed that men will tell the truth when about to shift from the visible to the invisible. Some do.

FITZSIMMONS' present wife has released him from the promise he made never to fight another pugilistic battle, and now he claims to be holding himself in readiness to defend the title of champion. Mr. Corbett however offered Mr. Fitz \$5000 just for the privilege of fighting him again, but it is some one else that the champion is looking for.

FIFTY MEN ONE WOMAN

That Many Klondikers on the Seattle

\$1,000,000 on the Boat Bound for the Mints

MRS. "NIGGER JIM."

The City of Seattle had fifty Klondikers on board last Wednesday who were bound for Eastern ports. A representative of the JOURNAL met several of them, to whom they stated that the trip out was made in thirty days under quite favorable conditions. The parties that were on board of the Seattle were well supplied with gold dust and the newsgatherer was confidentially informed that at least one million dollars were on board. "Nigger" Jim and his wife were among the passengers and came out with the other Klondikers on board. It will naturally be supposed that "Nigger" Jim is a colored man, but such is not the case. He is a pure blood white man of fine physique and pleasing address. He did not wear the coon skin cap and there was nothing about his actions that indicated he was three times a millionaire. His wife was a sight to behold, or rather the manner of her dress was, for she wore a coonskin sack, neatly made and well fitted, and a skirt of the same material that reached to her knees, and on the bottom of her skirt hung coon tails three or four inches apart that reached down to her ankles. She wore black stockings and a pair of neatly fitting shoes. A small cloth cap covered a part of the top of her head, and this is the way the wife of the millionaire, who as a matter of choice, wishes to be called Nigger Jim, looked as she walked around town with her husband looking at the sights of the best town in Alaska.

To say that this costume created a sensation puts it mildly. The fact is that the people stared and the small boys were paralyzed. One of the natives, who had a vein of the ridiculous running through his make up, took one look and doubled up like a jack knife. "What would the angels do, laughing or crying, if they saw that," pointing toward the coon tails, said a man who was enjoying the sight.

Mrs. "Nigger" Jim is not a bad looking woman, and her manner is pleasing. She endured much hardship in following her husband to the goldfields and returning overland in the dead of winter. She deserves to enjoy her wealth. We hope she will.

Christian Duty DURANT AND THE CHURCHES

God Forgives—Man Don't.

It is said that the Christian churches would not permit murderer Durant's body to be buried in any of their cemeteries in California. This may be according to Christian teaching, but we doubt it very much. Moses, the great law giver, and the only person who ever saw God, killed his man and became a fugitive from justice to escape punishment, and this occurred before he became God's favorite servant. David, King of Israel, ordered Uriah into the front of the battle that he might be killed, and he never lived to report the battle, and he married his victim's wife, who bore a Solomon, and he was forgiven by his heavenly father and found favor in his sight, but human beings, professed Christians won't even allow a human monster, who was insane, born unbalanced, to be buried in a Christian cemetery.

We considered the evidence against Durant sufficient to convict him and human beings, constituted as he was, possessed of a diabolical, irresistible impulse, an impulse which he couldn't control, yet, believing all this, and almost knowing that he is such a person, we believe, that society should rid itself of such monsters by taking their lives, but is it not going too far to say that decent burial shall not be accorded to them? We think it is.

PUGILIST SLAVIN ONCE REPORTED DEAD

BUT MUCH IN EVIDENCE NEVERTHE-
LESS

An Interview That Did Not End Well

A great big burly Irishman, over six feet tall, light complexioned, and weighing two hundred pounds, describes a passenger on the City of Seattle bound for Victoria. It was Frank Slavin, the once famous pugilist.

"There goes Slavin the pugilist," said one of our citizens to the JOURNAL man, and the scribe proceeded at once to interview the man of doubtful reputation in the pugilistic line.

"Just from Dawson, I suppose?" said the newsgatherer.

"Yes sir, just from the interior."

"Going back?"

"Yes, I will go back in March—I went in last May."

"How do you like the interior for a change?" was asked.

"Oh it's a good place to get fat," said the man with a hand as big as a nine pound ham.

"I don't suppose you are thinking much of pugilism, but the readers of the JOURNAL would like to know what you think of Corbett's offer to give Fitzsimmons \$5000, if he will fight him in the ring."

"Corbett and Fitzsimmons be d—d," don't care what Corbett does to him," said Mr. Slavin, and then followed a string of oaths and vulgarity that was simply appalling.

We watched our chance for an opening and finally the pugilist gasped for breath, and quick as lightning we shot a question at him, more for the purpose of getting him stopped than anything else, and, assuming a low, conversational tone, the JOURNAL man asked him if he was going further East than Seattle. Now one would suppose the question was harmless, for everybody goes to Seattle, but the question stirred him up in a terrible manner.

"Seattle! Seattle!—I don't know Seattle, it ain't on my map," and then followed such swearing and raving as we never heard before, and for fear that we might stir him up again, we worked the same scheme on him—waited till he stopped to take in some pure Fort Wrangel air, and then we thanked him for the interview and got out of that as quick as our feet would take us.

We think that interviewing pugilists should be a separate and independent profession—it has tendencies that might lead to the corruption of the ordinary reporter's mind.

A KICK Against Military Government in Alaska

Military Government in time of peace, is not favored by our system of government, and yet a part of Alaska territory is put under military rule, when no object can be gained thereby or any interests be subserved. There can be no doubt that Alaska is governed by a thoroughly competent and honest corps of officials, and if they can be trusted to govern a part of the Alaskan territory why not the whole. It is true that a great many people will go to St. Michael's this year, and there will be a fair number of the lawless element included, but the same can be said of Fort Wrangel, Dyea and Skagway, and there

is no complaint of a failure to administer the law in the three last named places.

The government probably has been misinformed concerning the true condition of affairs at St. Michaels, and may partially be excused for the course pursued, but we think that sufficient time has elapsed to convince the cabinet that a military government at St. Michaels is as unnecessary as it is at Wrangel. Military government is not needed at St. Michaels. Let the civil department govern under the law and constitution, and the soldiers can be stationed there to aid the civil authorities if their help is needed. This much is due the officers that govern Alaska—let justice be done to them.

The Stikeen River Route

THE WILDMAN PARTY IN TOWN

WAITING FOR THEIR OUTFITS

After Canvassing the Situation, They Conclude that up the Stikeen is the best and Most Practical Route.

The Wildman party of Argonauts, bound for the gold fields came to Fort Wrangle last Sunday morning on the Steamer City of Seattle. After looking carefully over all the routes, when in Seattle, they decided on the Stikeen river route as the best, and propose going that way. The Seattle was so overcrowded when she landed and the amount of freight so large that fully a quarter of their outfits were carried on to the upper ports. When the boat returned it was found that a large part of the goods had been left on the dock at Seattle with about fifty tons more of freight that the boat could not handle at all. It is not likely that the party will be able to get away from here until the latter part of next week, as the goods left behind are a very essential part of their outfit. The gentlemen composing the party are domiciled at the barracks, and from the appearance of the game hung up around the outside of the building, there must be a goodly number of crack shots among them. Fifteen beautiful Angora goats, now quartered in Duncan McKinnon's stable, will do the hauling, these animals have been selected in preference to dogs. Robert Wildman, a boiler manufacturer and civil engineer, from Bay City, Mich., a great husky fellow heads the party. Judging from his appearance a mercurial thermometer would need to freeze before the weather affected his giant frame.

Andrew Wildman, a newspaper man of wide experience, is from Philadelphia. He has traveled extensively through the East and South during the past eight months and considers the 300,000 mark a conservative estimate of the number of people that will start for the gold fields during the next few months. He thinks Fort Wrangle could get the greater part of this business if they could handle the people, and the advantages of the Stikeen river route were better known. He is a gentleman of rare elocutionary ability, and gave a two hours talk to a select few, at the barracks, last Monday evening.

Theodore Dilks, another member of the party, is a capitalist, but is on the lookout for still "another million."

William Powell and Thomas McCormac, are experienced miners from Deadwood, Dakota.

Jerry O'Connor, an old miner from Cripple Creek, is a forty-niner, and the comedian of the party. He can make a mouth organ talk.

Arthur Lenihan, of Livinstone, Montana, is a practical miner, has a physique like the Gods, and looks like a hard proposition for the Klondike weather to phase.

Jack M. Wilcox, of Waco, Texas, gave up a fine jewelry business in his native town to dig for gold in the Alaskan fields.

"Texas Jack," F. Mulhall, of the same place, disposed of his ranch in the Lone Star state, and will search for nuggets and dust in the land over which the whole world has gone wild.

Dan W. Davis, alias "Siwash Bill," of Stockton, Cal., and H. A. Langley, of Lodi, Cal., two practical miners gave up a fine mine at Cripple Creek, to go in with the crowd.

A. Howard, of Sheridan, Montana, another experienced miner, completes the list.

All of the above named gentlemen are confident that Fort Wrangle is bound to be the leading city of Alaska, and that the Stikeen river route is to be the route of all routes to the great Alaskan gold fields, if the citizens of the town will put themselves in shape to care for the rush.

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STIKEEN RIVER JOURNAL PUBLISHING CO.

A synopsis of local events for the week, as prepared for the Journal readers.

Mr. Hought put up a railing at a dangerous place on the sidewalk leading to his hotel. Let others do as well.

Indian Jim brought to town last Monday, twenty deer, the result of a three day's hunt on one of the islands.

Gov. Brady has under consideration the reorganization of the Indian police force in Alaska.

News comes from Juneau that it is quiet over there, on account of so many people leaving for Skagway and Dyea.

The sloop Prospect, N. J. Gillis, master, is now open for either charter or freight. Good accommodations for hunting parties.

Pugilist Slavin claims to have been robbed of \$400 by one of the women of the town at Juneau. She was arrested but afterwards released.

Forty dogs were killed on the Seattle on her last trip up. The rough sea occasioned the premature demise of the faithful animals.

Four prospective Klondikers, passengers on the Topeka last Saturday, went out hunting Monday. They are from way back East, if they hadn't been they would have hunted on Sunday.

The Two Brothers, Johnson, captain, made a landing at Reid & Sylvester's wharf Friday night, loaded with 9000 pounds of halibut, which will be shipped to the Sound.

Fort Wrangel has two Indian policemen who are under pay from the government, and more trustworthy officers cannot be found. Their names are William Lewis and Sam Johnson.

Deputy Marshal Bays went to Sitka on the Topeka last Saturday night in charge of a prisoner who will spend a few months in the bastille for selling liquor to Indians.

Our article concerning fruit and vegetable culture has called out some comment from our readers. We are pleased to know such is the case. Col. Crittenden tells us that he raises fine strawberries each year, and as for vegetables, they are a "blooming" success.

When you make your next trip on the Topeka, keep your eye on chief steward, Sidney Sanders. He is a rattling good fellow, and a very pleasant gentleman. Mr. Sanders has had a long experience in boating and can tell you many interesting things about the various runs he has made.

The City of Topeka, the mail boat for Alaska, seems to "get there" as the saying goes. We always know when to expect the Topeka, and she is always here at the right time. Capt. Wallace has a good boat, is a thoroughly competent and yet pleasant officer, and passengers are always safe with him.

The mortality and birth rate are both very low in Fort Wrangel. If we ever have a city here, it will be due to immigration only. No one dies, and the "bornin" industry is apparently swiped out. If there is anything we do like in the newspaper business, it is to report a birth once in a while, but we have no show here.

Mr. E. N. Tunin, of this city has been appointed deputy collector to accompany the Otterson party and others across the line, who have some bonded outfits. Mr. Tunin and his party will leave today and he will accompany the Klondikers as far as Telegraph Creek. Look out for an interesting interview with him when he returns, which will be in about twenty days.

A difference of opinion existed between two boys one day this week, one was white, the other a native. Each tried to convince the other he was wrong, and the arguments used were their fists. It appears that the argument concluded by the native being knocked out. It was supposed by the parents of the boy that very great bodily injury had resulted, and Dr. Stanton was called, and after a thorough examination, concluded that the injuries were principally of a mental nature.

The City of Seattle on her present trip up lost one man, who was washed overboard and another was killed by being struck on the head. It was a very rough trip for the Seattle, and some of her passengers were scared nearly to death while crossing the entrance. One of the lady passengers said she would not return on a boat, that before doing so she would go overland—walk to Winipeg. When the feat is performed, we hope timely notice will be given so that all leading papers may secure an accurate writeup of the trip.

Our local item and paralyser concerning the meat hung on a nail at the front door and the reasons therefor, has apparently been noticed by all of our local subscribers, we should judge, from the number that have spoken to us concerning the matter. Words of advice or pointers leading to knowledge are always acceptable, but to go home on publication night and find that some one has hung up a piece of salmon at the writers front door is the condition we were in last Saturday night, and is joke that ought to call for—well "something to take."

PERSONAL.

Editor Needham will return in a few days.

Col. Crittenden sold another lot yesterday.

Inspector J. S. Slater of Mary Ann Island came up on the Topeka.

Mr. Wm. Nelson of Juneau, was on board of the Seattle, when she pulled out for Sound ports.

Mr. Peddlar, a deputy internal revenue collector is in the city for a few days.

Edwin Goodall, manager for the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., was a passenger on the Topeka for the Sound.

Mr. Frank Wynkoof, a popular drummer of Seattle spent several days in the city this week.

Mr. George Mee, of this city, did a very sensible thing when he ordered the JOURNAL sent to relatives in Shawville, Canada.

Mr. H. C. Henry, one of the very best and most influential men of Seattle, spent a few hours looking around the city last Wednesday, in company with the editor of the JOURNAL.

Hon. Henry Drum has his own way of doing things. He moved his desk into his new office last Monday, but not through the door, but through the window. The window is larger than the door.

Mr. E. N. Tunin and wife are stopping at the Stikeen. They recently came from Olympia, Wash., and were glad to say they have come here with the intention of locating permanently. We hope they will do so.

Mr. John Copeland, L. K. Granteer, Alex. Paulson, and B. E. Benson, all of Dickinson, North Dakota, arrived in the city last Saturday and will make Fort Wrangel their future home. These men are all good carpenters, and just the class of men we need. What is Dickinson's loss is our gain.

George W. Otterson, of Telegraph Creek, was in the city the first of the week. George is one of the "boys," a hale fellow, well met, and he is now on his way up the river, where his friends will give him a hearty welcome. Mr. Otterson will furnish the JOURNAL news from his locality, and it will be read with pleasure by our readers we know.

Mr. O. W. Dunbar, accompanied by A. J. Howells, of Astoria, Oregon, called at this office Thursday. They are both newspaper men and had with them a complete newspaper plant, with which they will start a daily paper at Skagway, to be called the Skagway Morning Alaska. We wish them success.

Mr. R. S. Smith, supt. of the Northwestern Steamship and Transportation Co., of Portland, called on the JOURNAL Wednesday. He was up-looking over the company business in Alaska, and will probably add a few steamers to ply on the Stikeen.

Who is to Blame?

Some of the Fort Wrangle mail was taken past this place by the Topeka on her present trip, and was landed on her return from the North. This was occasioned by some gross carelessness on the part of some of the officers handling the mail, and if our mail is put up in packages at Seattle, that office should be held responsible. Letters reached the parties to whom they were addressed, five days later than they should have if the same had been properly handled. We don't know who is to blame, but we will make it our business to find out if this occurs again and report the matter to the proper authorities. Mail facilities in Alaska are not the best—they must necessarily be meagre—but such as have been provided will satisfy the people in the absence of gross carelessness.

The Wood We Burn.

Who has not seen the eastern elm wood? So wet and watery, that it was given an ungentlemanly name. It was wet and wet, full of water, but that's nothing compared to the wood used in Fort Wrangel. Our wood here is so wet you can twist the water out of it with your hands. Drive a nail into an unseasoned board, and the water will splash all over you. Don't think we are lying—wait till we get through telling you about it. Why this wood is so wet that if you set a half dozen chunks on end near a hot stove, a stream of water will run out of it that will cover a large office floor. Now as to its good qualities. It will dry out in just a few days and then it is splendid to burn, and promulgate heat. It is fine for building purposes and you can split it into threads.

All For Love.

Deputy Bays brings the news of a shooting at Sitka, in which a white man shot a native woman. He was in love with her and she refused his attentions and he shot her and tried to kill himself. The woman is in the hospital and the would be slayer in jail.

Boats for the Stikeen.

Mr. Tilden, of Victoria, is in the city for a few days looking over Fort Wrangel. He states that no less than fifteen boats are now in the various stages of construction to be used between Fort Wrangel and Telegraph Creek up the Stikeen.

FORT WRANGEL'S BOOM

Soon to Have Electric Lights and Water Works.

Mr. T. R. Moore, of California, has been in the city this week. It is the object of his visit that interests our people most for people are constantly coming and going. Mr. Moore came to Ft. Wrangle, for the purpose of putting in a system of waterworks and an electric light plant, and it is with great pleasure that we announce to our people, that the water right has been secured, and if the engineer in charge reports favorably after making an examination and survey, work will be commenced at once.

From a superficial examination, Mr. Moore is satisfied that the site, elevation, and supply are sufficient, and is certain of a favorable report from the engineer, who will be here in a short time, and work will no doubt be commenced within the next thirty days.

It is unnecessary to speak of the benefits to be derived from this much needed improvement and we are glad to know that our business men are doing all in their power to help the enterprise along.

Answers to Questions.

We are in constant receipt of letters of enquiry concerning Fort Wrangel and other matters that are natural subjects of inquiry. We will answer a number of these letters as follows:

Fort Wrangle has a white population of about 800, and as many Indians.

A good lot can be leased or purchased at a reasonable price.

It is doubtful about being able to rent a house for business purposes. The rooms are all occupied.

There are two restaurants in town and at present three hotels and three general stores.

Common lumber, sawed, but not dressed, \$13 per thousand and the higher grade runs to \$18 and \$20.

Butter sells for sixty five cents a brick; imported eggs 30 cts.; sugar fourteen pounds for a dollar; bread 10 cents a loaf; flour \$1.50 per sack.

All going by way of the Stikeen river route, must stop at Fort Wrangle. As soon as the ice is out of the Stikeen, a boat will take you from this place up the river to Telegraph Creek, 150 miles. From there you take a good easy trail to Lake Teslin a distance of 150 miles. At Lake Teslin you take a steamer, which without change lands you at Dawson City.

One can ride a horse from Telegraph Creek to Lake Teslin, which will be provided by a transport company. See the advertisement of the Klondike Mining, Trading and Transport Company, on this page. The trail across is being improved and there will not be a heavy grade on the entire trail by spring.

Fort Wrangle is surrounded by a good mining country, but there are no mines near by that are being developed, but in the spring there will be a great deal of development work commenced.

Unskilled day labor brings \$3.00 per day, carpenters get \$3.50.

Everything is carried, or hauled on a wheelbarrow. There are no horses or mules in use. If you want lumber, you can have it taken in a row boat to the nearest point at high tide, and from there it is carried. Wood and coal the same.

The climate at Fort Wrangle is about the same as it is on the Sound, perhaps a trifle colder, but very little if any. We are having some rain now, but hardly as frequently as in the Sound cities. The snow fall is light, and during the past thirty days, has not exceeded twelve inches in the aggregate.

Fort Wrangle has one of the finest harbors in the world. The water being deep and protected from storms by the surrounding islands. There is one completed wharf here now and a second one being constructed. The vessels come into this port at such times as they wish to and do not have to wait for a high tide as in many places. There is, we understand, good farming land on this island. The writer has done no exploring as yet and will in a future issue, answer the question concerning the lay of the farm lands.

Yes, there is lots of building going on here now, about 100 buildings being in various stages of construction.

At Skagway.

A passenger on the return trip of the Topeka, who has been at Skagway, told a Journal man that the snow and rain had been continuous at that place for some time past, and that the pass to the lake is all but impassable. The town was overcrowded and floor space brings fifty cents a night. When the Klondikers who are going in that way find out that the Stikeen is the best route and the weather altogether different, they will want to kick themselves for not taking pains to discover the truth.

IN THE COURTS.

United States, vs. Oscar Kersheets, is the title of a case that engaged the attention of Judge Jackson's court last Wednesday, the charge being selling liquor in Alaska. He was found guilty and fined twenty five dollars.

L. S. Reed, an old offender, was held to the district court for trial on a charge of carrying on the business of a liquor dealer, without having a license. His bonds were fixed at \$750, in default of which, he is languishing in the bastille.

SHIPPING NEWS

Arrival and Departure of Vessels at Fort Wrangel

The City of Seattle, Nichols, captain, arrived at this port from Sound ports last Saturday, and was crowded with passengers. She made a quick trip north and left Fort Wrangle about noon last Wednesday on her return.

The Elder, Hinkle, Captain, arrived in port last Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock from Portland direct, and had on board 600 passengers for this and other points. She left Portland last Saturday and had a good trip.

Steamer Al-Ki, Patterson, capt., tied up at the wharf Tuesday night. She was from Seattle and had a full passenger list.

The Topeka, Wallace, Captain, landed the mail and some passengers at the dock last Saturday night. From here she went to northern ports, including Sitka, and returned on her way to the Sound yesterday.

The U. S. cruiser, Wheeling, Sebree, Capt., was in port last Sunday and left Monday morning for the North. The Wheeling is one of the new navy, and while not large is modern in construction and equipment.

The Danube arrived here Thursday evening about 8 o'clock from Victoria. She brought up thirty mounted police.

The Copela, Nordhassel, captain, unloaded some halibut at the Reed and Sylvester wharf last Wednesday.

Steamer Alaskan, Johnson, captain, made a trip to the mouth of the Stikeen today. Mr. Geo. W. Otterson and his party, consisting of R. Fitzguth, N. Nunan and Indian Dick were on board bound for Telegraph Creek. They take with them four sleds with 270 pounds each, and will pull them by hand, making the trip of 150 miles in ten days.

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The expedition, which will be accompanied by eighty teams of horses, sleds, and three trains of dogs, will be in charge of Hon. Edgar Dewdney, ex-Minister of the Interior of Canada and ex-Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and will be accompanied by Mr. Caldwell Ashworth, of London, a Director of the Corporation.

The expedition will proceed to Fort Wrangle on its own X 100 A 1 screw ocean steamer "Amur," or by some other suitable vessel, leaving Victoria about the 15th of February. At Wrangle it is proposed to transfer to the Stikeen River and continue the journey on the ice via the Stikeen River and the villages of Glenora and Telegraph Creek, thence by snow road to Teslin Lake.

At Teslin Lake boats and sleds will be built to convey the party and their outfits to Dawson City as soon as the Hootalinqua opens; that is, the expedition will follow the ice down that fine navigable stream, thereby avoiding the dangerous White Horse rapids and arrive at Dawson City at the earliest possible date thereafter in the spring.

The plan of the Corporation is to provide shelter and good substantial food for the parties accompanying the Expedition from the day they leave Victoria until they reach the destination. While waiting at Teslin Lake for the ice to break up they will have the opportunity of prospecting the very promising ground in that vicinity. The price of the ticket covers transportation, food, shelter and the free carriage of 100 pounds of baggage. Early in January an advance party with horses was sent up the Stikeen River to build shelters with stoves for cooking and warmth and establish supply depots.

After the Coast Range on the Stikeen River has been passed the Expedition will go through a country where the snow fall is generally light and along the greater portion of which a white population has been living for some years.

The Corporation will establish trading posts at Teslin Lake, Dawson City and other Yukon points and will furnish supplies to purchasers at reasonable prices.

The price of a ticket covering the accommodations above mentioned is \$500, one-half of which must be paid into the Bank of Montreal at Victoria at the time of signing the contract for transportation, the balance to be paid before the sailing of the steamer from Victoria.

As the number of persons by this route will be limited, application should be made at once, and to secure a ticket, each applicant must, with his application forward a Post Office order for \$200 payable to the Bank of Montreal at Victoria.

The Corporation reserves the right to select members of the Expedition and will return all payments made to unsuccessful applicants.

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The provisions included in the 100 pounds of personal baggage can be purchased from the Corporation before leaving Victoria.

The Corporation will, at a later date, be prepared to transport passengers in their own ocean and river steamboats to the Stikeen, Yukon and Teslin Lake waters.

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Church Notices.
Presbyterian Church, Rev. Clarence Thwing, minister—Sabbath services: eleven a. m., four p. m. and seven p. m. Sunday school at twelve m., following the morning service. The evening service is particularly for white people while the other meetings are chiefly for natives. All are welcomed to these services. Weekly prayer meeting, Christian Endeavor society, Tuesday evening, half past seven o'clock, at the church; young men's meeting at Y M C A rooms. Monday evenings at half past eight and native meetings, at same place, Wednesday, four p. m.

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Pullman's Giant Passenger

There was one story of his career that Mr. Pullman used to tell with manifest delight.

One night, going out of Chicago, a long lean, ugly man with a wart on his cheek, came into the depot. He paid George M. Pullman 50 cents, and half a berth was assigned him. Then he kicked off his boots, of most surprising length, turned into the berth, and having an easy conscience, was sleeping like a healthy baby before the car left the depot. Along came another passenger and paid his 50 cents. In two minutes he was back at George Pullman.

"There's a man in that berth of mine," said he hotly, "and he's about ten feet high. How am I going to sleep there, I'd like to know? Go and look at him."

In went Pullman—mad too. The tall lank man's knees were under his chin, his arms were stretched across the bed, and his feet were stored comfortably—for him. Pullman shook him until he awoke, and then told him that if he wanted the whole berth he would have to pay one dollar.

"My dear sir," said the tall man, a bargain is a bargain. I have paid you fifty cents for half this berth, and as you see I am occupying it. There's the other half," pointing to a strip about six inches wide. "Sell that and don't disturb me again." And so saying, the man with a wart on his face went to sleep again. He was Abraham Lincoln.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Influence of Environment

The story of the little Eskimo boy going into raptures at the sight of the mass of ice in the ice house, says a New York paper, has a pathetic tinge, but it also suggests a comment on the influence of environment. Most people would think that a boy reared in the frozen north, in a land where the sweet scent of flowers and the odor of the balmy spring are unknown; where the voice of singing birds never ushers in the bright glow of dawn with woodland melody, and where there is no grass to court the sportive step of childhood, ought to rejoice and be exceedingly glad to come to a country where all these things are the natural and ever welcome accompaniments of human life. But that little Eskimo boy has only languished among the beauties of nature without which we should be heart-sick. His young soul yearned for the environments of life to which he had been reared, and at the sight of cold, cruel, glittering ice his hunger for the frozen north broke out in cries and tears. It seems as if our ideas of the beauties of nature might be, after all, merely local.

"Sharps" and "Flats."

So long as there are "flats" in the world there will be "sharps" to rob them.

This is the ultimate moral of every green good's game, and of every Wall street shearing of "the lambs."

This moral is peculiarly illustrated in the Dean Company swindle. A gang of sharpers rented offices in the Wall street region, and threw out bait to catch gudgeons. They succeeded in getting away with \$7,000,000 of other peoples money, and their success was due solely to the fact that the other people were fools.

The sharpers sent out the announcement that under their "system" of speculation on the exchanges, they could and would turn any man's \$1000 into \$4,000 within the year, without risk of loss or doubt as to the result.

The statement was one that nobody but a fool would believe. But there are so many fools in the world that they invested an aggregate of \$7,000,000 in the venture, and naturally lost it.

The rascals ought to go to states prison, of course. But what about their victims? Is not an insane asylum the fittest school for them?—New York World.

The total number of copies of newspapers printed throughout the world in one year is 12,000,000,000. To print these requires 281,240 tons of paper, or 1,562,480,000 pounds, while it would take the fastest single press 333 years to print a single year's edition, which would produce a stack of papers nearly fifty miles high.

MISCELLANEOUS

It is reported that the niece of an ex-governor of Indiana, is running a saloon at Wichita. She was educated at one of the leading colleges of the country, and is an highly accomplished musician. She says the Kansas boom caused her downfall. Her husband lost all his money and died, leaving her penniless.

It is stated that flies confined in a case with cigarettes will die in less than five minutes, so deadly is the atmosphere. And yet some of our school-boys live in the atmosphere several years before they succumb to it.

A Chicago man lately passed through a period of severe illness, and being convalescent, began to fret over lack of entertainment. So one of his friends brought him a phonograph with a megaphone attachment, and then the invalid would lie for hours and listen to brass bands, comic orators and popular singers. One of his friends gave a dinner party and invited him, although it was known, of course that he could not attend. But the convalescent was not to be robbed of his fun. He sent a phonograph to the dinner party and had the stories, the laughter and the music recorded on the cylinders, and he got them all at second hand the next day. By these devices he passed the time very pleasantly, until able to resume his daily work.

Philosophers have striven in vain to reduce feminine love to the prosaic basis of cause and effect; but it seems to defy all rules. On the witness stand in New York, the other day, Mrs. Naek, under oath, testified that she never loved the prisoner at the bar, Martin Thorn, until he had knocked her down, blackened her eyes, choked her until the blood ran out of her mouth and nostrils, and threatened to destroy her eyes with acid. "Then," she said demurely, "I loved him." "When did you begin to love Thorn?" asked counsel for the defense. "I don't know," was the reply. "How long before the killing?" "I never loved him until he choked me." "He choked you, then into loving him?" Yes. "This seems to open up a new line of thought."

A curious case of smuggling has been discovered by the Government officials on the Mexican border. In May last, when the land about Nogales was declared subject to entry, a man located a townsite directly on the border line between this country and Mexico, and built a house so that the front door was in American territory and the back door in Mexico. Goods unloaded at the Mexican door were sent out at the American door, thus evading the duty. The case was reported to the government, and the land office has now cut off the operations of this enterprising man by deciding that no townsite may be located there unless there is a street running along the border line.

An expert in educational matters says that country children remember longer than the city children. It would be well if their superior memory invariably retained the story of the failure of boys and girls who rushed into cities when their country homes offered them sure, if moderate success. The examples of occasional good fortune are never forgotten: the disappointments become indistinct in the recollection, largely because the mind wishes to put them out of view.

Glass knobs from Washington's bedstead at Mount Vernon promise to be as plentiful as copies of the Uster County Gazette, containing an account of the funeral of the father of his country. The knobs are movable, and are apt to disappear mysteriously. But the custodian from time to time orders a fresh supply from Pittsburgh at 30 cts. a gross, and so the scattered collection of several thousand is constantly increasing.

Think of a system of gumming or cementing textile fabrics, which may make the sewing-machine and the needle as obsolete as the red man's bow and arrow! Such an invention, if it succeeds, will profoundly affect the whole world of women, and probably modify the industry of many millions of people.

It is an odd fact that the animal with the most room for a larynx never emits a sound. The giraffe is said to be the only voiceless thing in creation.

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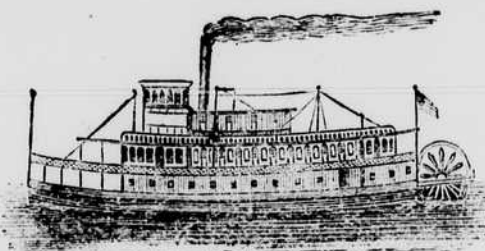
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Pursuant to an order of this court made the 17th day of Dec. A. D. 1897 notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of January 1898 at 10 o'clock, a. m. of that day, and at the court room of this court at the court house in the town of Wrangel in the District of Alaska, have appointed as the time and place, for a hearing upon the return of the proceedings of John T. Gallbreath, administrator of said estate, under an order of this court dated the 18th day of December A. D. 1897, authorizing the sale of certain real estate, situated, lying, and being in the town of Wrangel, in the District of Alaska, and in the immediate vicinity thereof, and described as follows, to-wit: One-half interest in and to a certain salmon hatchery, situated on the west side of Ethelene Island, and known as Gallbreath's hatchery; also a certain house and lot situated in the town of Wrangel in the District of Alaska, situated on Bath street, bounded on the east by an alley-way, on the west by the property of Jim Coney, on the north by the lawless abutting said premises, and on the south by Ethelene Harbor. Which said administrator has sold at public sale for the sum of two hundred and ninety seven dollars, \$297.00, to the persons named in said return, to which reference is made for further particulars, and notice is hereby given that if any person, interested in said estate may appear at the time and place above mentioned, and file objections to the confirmation of the said sale, and may be heard, and may produce witnesses in support of his objections.

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